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WE BELIEVE

1. In the verbal inspiration of the
 Bible.

2. In one God eternally existing in
 three persons; namely, the Father,
 Son, and Holy Ghost.

3. That Jesus Christ is the only
 begotten Son of the Father, con-
 ceived of the Holy Ghost, and born
 of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was
 crucified, buried, and raised from
 the dead; that He ascended to heav-
 en and is today at the right hand of
 the Father as the Intercessor.

4. That all have sinned and come
 short of the glory of God, and that
 repentance is commanded of God for
 all and necessary for forgiveness of
 sins.

5. That justification, regenera-
 tion, and the new birth are wrought
 by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.

6. In sanctification subsequent to
 the new birth, through faith in the
 blood of Christ; through the Word,
 and by the Holy Ghost.

7. Holiness to be God's standard
 of living for His people.

8. In the baptism with the Holy
 Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.

9. In speaking with other tongues
 as the Spirit gives utterance, and
 that it is the initial evidence of the
 baptism of the Holy Ghost.

10. In water baptism by immer-
 sion, and all who repent should be
 baptized in the name of the Father,
 and of the Son, and of the Holy
 Ghost.

11. Divine healing is provided for
 all in the atonement.

12. In the Lord's Supper and
 washing of the saints' feet.

13. In the premillennial second
 coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect
 the righteous dead and to catch
 away the living saints to Him in the
 air. Second, to reign on the earth a
 thousand years.

14. In the bodily resurrection;
 eternal life for the righteous and
 eternal punishment for the wicked.

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 and husband for a meeting, write to
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Old church papers and magazines
 to distribute to the sick and shut-ins.
 Please help me carry the message to
 those that are unable to attend church
 and to lost souls. There are so many
 that are leaving this world without
 knowing God as their personal Sav-
 iour. Address all mail to Leonard
 Alexander, General Delivery, Ft. Lewis,
 Washington.

My address has been changed from
 901 Fifth Ave., North, Lewistown,
 Mont., to Box 54, Harrison, Ohio.—
 Robert P. Danley.

CORRECTION

In memory corner of February 4
 issue, a mistake was made in listing
 Rev. J. W. Maness as Rev. O. L. Mc-
 Manus.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Below is the schedule for the time
 and place of the district conventions:
 Shawnee district, Jan. 27-29, at
 Maud.

Enid district, Feb. 17-19, at Enid.

Hugo district, Feb 24-26, at Hugo.

Oklahoma City district, March 10-
 12, at Guthrie.

Ada district, March 17-19, at Ada.

Lawton district, March 24-26, at
 Lawton.

Lindsey district, March 31-April 2,
 at Lindsey.

Tulsa district, April 7-9, at Wagoner.

We trust that the above dates and
 places will meet with the approval of
 everyone concerned. It has become
 necessary for us to begin having some
 of the conventions earlier this year
 than last. If you are behind on any
 of your state quota, please go to work
 on it and have everything up for the
 district convention. Let us covenant
 and pray together for the success of
 these meetings.

—C. J. Hindmon, Overseer.

FOR MORE EVANGEL SUB- SCRIPTIIONS

CHANDLER, Okla.—Christian greet-
 ings from the great Midwest. I am in
 the home of Rev. R. S. Collins, and
 we have just received the *Evangel*.
 Reading its contents thrilled my very

heart. I note that you have a special
 subscription rating on during the
 month of December.

Brother Collins almost has his 100
 per cent subscription quota (or one
Evangel to each church member), and
 he is going to go over the top, equal-
 ing 100 per cent for his church mem-
 bership.

Rev. R. W. Sullivan, pastor of W.
 Tulsa, is just about over the top,
 equaling one for each member in his
 church.

The *Evangel* is the greatest preach-
 er in the Church of God and should
 be in every Church of God member's
 home. I hope some more of our breth-
 ren will catch this spirit of getting
 subscriptions to this most wonderful
 paper.

—Yours for more subscriptions to the
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LINCOLN

(From Lincoln, the man of the people)

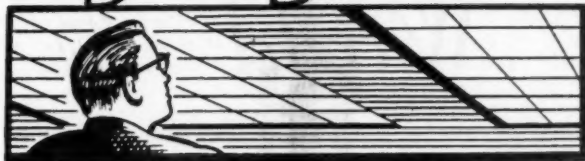
The color of the ground was in him, the red
 earth;
 The smack and tang of elemental things;
 The rectitude and patience of the cliff;
 The good will of the rain that loves all leaves;
 The friendly welcome of the wayside well;
 The courage of the bird that dares the sea;
 The gladness of the wind that shakes the
 corn;
 The pity of the snow that hides all scars;
 The secrecy of streams that make their way
 Under the mountain to the rifted rock;
 The tolerance and equity of light
 That gives as freely to the shrinking flower
 As to the great oak flaring to the wind—
 To the grave's low hill as to the Matterhorn
 That shoulders out the sky.

So came the captain with the mighty heart:
 And when the judgment thunders split the
 house,
 Wrenching the rafters from their ancient rest,
 He held the ridgepole up, and spiked again
 The rafters of the home. He held his place—
 Held the long purpose like a growing tree—
 Held on through blame and faltered not at
 praise—

Towering in calm rough-hewn sublimity.
 And when he fell in whirlwind, he went down
 As when a lordly cedar, green with boughs,
 Goes down with a great shout upon the hills,
 And leaves a lonesome place against the sky.

Edwin Markham, 1852-1940

Sky-Lights



\$8,000 INVESTED FOR EACH WORKER

How high costs have affected manufacturers was revealed in the recent annual report of one of the big automobile companies. The report said it now costs an average of \$8,000 to supply buildings and tools for each of its 380,000 employees, compared with \$6,000 for each of 260,000 employees on the payroll before the war.

"To provide employees with places to work and the necessary equipment and working capital, there was required at the end of 1947 a total investment almost double the average for the four prewar years," the company added.

IT WOULD HELP!

If all the "refugees" who have sneaked into this country and are not even citizens could be expelled, it would go a long way toward solving our housing shortage and releasing homes and apartments to veterans and other American citizens.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Edgar Hoover, Director of the F.B.I., "The spectacle of a nation praying is more awe-inspiring than the explosion of an atomic bomb. The force of prayer is greater than any possible combination of man-made or man-controlled powers, because prayer is man's greatest means of tapping the infinite resources of God. Invoking by prayer the mercy and might of God is our most efficacious means of guaranteeing peace and security for the harassed and helpless peoples of the earth."

TWO QUESTIONS

A skeptic once derided a Christian by asking him, "Say, George, what would you say if, when you died, you found there wasn't a place as heaven after all?"

With a smile the believer replied, "I should say—well, I've had a fine time getting there anyway."

Then the Christian sent a boomerang back to the skeptic not quite so easy to answer.

"I say, Fred," he asked, "what would you say if, when you died, you found there was such a place as hell after all?"

TRUTH

Truth is more immovable than Gibraltar, though sometimes it is obscured (just as Gibraltar may be obscured by fogs). Truth is destructible and everlasting, while lies usually always evaporate and leave the liar exposed.—Hubert H. Heath.

EVIL THOUGHTS

An evil thought passes thy door first as a stranger. Then it enters as a guest. Then it installs itself as a master.—Saint Augustine.

CERTAINTIES!

When the great Christian scientist, Sir Michael Faraday, was on his deathbed, some journalists questioned him as to his speculations concerning the soul and death. "Speculations!" said the dying man, in as-

tonishment, "I know nothing about speculations; I am resting on certainties!" Then he quoted "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

TOBACCO HABIT

I consider the tobacco habit positively beneath the dignity of a Christian. It is bad enough for a man who has no children and has no Sunday School class and is not a preacher to use the vile stuff. It is utterly unthinkable that a preacher or a Sunday School teacher who has the privilege of ministering the things of Christ to those who look up and listen should use cigarettes and defile body and mind and spirit.—Dr. Kyle M. Yates.

FREE PASSAGE TO RUSSIA

The Anti-Communist League, of Hartford, Conn., offers "a free ride to Moscow to all Communists who will renounce their American citizenship and promise not to come back here." Applicants may have a free first-class ticket by either plane or steamship. There have been no applicants, however. The Communists will not suit their actions to their words. They would rather stay in "this dirty, capitalistic country" than return to their "glorious, democratic home of the free."—Pentecostal Evangel.

WHAT IS THE CAPITALISTIC SYSTEM?

In a message to Congress in 1861, President Abraham Lincoln said: "The prudent, penniless beginner in the world labors for wages for a while, saves a surplus with which to buy tools or land for himself, then labors on his own account another while and at length hires another new beginner to help him. This is the just and generous and prosperous system which opens the way to all, gives hope to all, and consequent energy and progress and improvement of conditions to all."

No recent President has said anything like that.—Samuel B. Pettengill.

CHRIST'S BUSINESS

If you are a true Christian, you go about Christ's business as if it were your own.—Christian Digest.

A CLEAR TESTIMONY

D. L. Moody, asked by a new convert if he would have to give up worldly companions, replied: "Just you give a clear testimony and the world will soon give you up."

NOTHING IN COMPARISON

You cannot find a Christian on earth, who will not tell you that what he gave up for Christ was nothing in comparison with what he received.—R. A. Torrey.

TEMPTATION

Some temptations come to the industrious but all temptations attack the idle.—Charles H. Spurgeon.

A UNIVERSAL BOOK

Suppose a publisher should say to a writer: "I want you to write a book, whole sections of which will be translated into 1,000 languages, a book that will never be off the printing press for four hundred years, a book that will be the best seller year in and year out wherever it goes. Reading it will cause men to seek liberty for themselves and others without thought of personal safety. It must be a book in which people of every language and culture will find an accurate picture of God and their relationship to Him." The most proficient writer with the most versatile mind would interrupt his publisher with the objection: "Only God could write such a book." God has written such a Book—it is the Bible.—Militant Truth.

HE CAN'T WIN

Pity the poor businessman. He is guilty of collusion if he sells his product at the same price as competitors. He is guilty of profiteering if he raises his price to avoid the charge of collusion; and he is guilty of cut-throat competition if he lowers his price to avoid the charge of collusion.

A GOOD PRAYER

Recently a minister of the gospel, Rev. Dr. George Albert Simons, was called on to pray in a meeting of the City Council of New York. In his prayer he used the following words: "Lord, we pray that atheism, Marxism and Communism will never capture our great city." Following the prayer Benjamin Davis, a Negro-Communist member of the City Council, and Eugene Connelly, another Communist member of the City Council, protested and called on the Council to strike the words of the prayer out of the permanent minutes of the City Council. After a big fight the full prayer was left in.

COUNTERFEIT VS. GENUINE

I saw about a peck of counterfeit dollars once. Did I go to the window and throw away all my good dollars? No. Yet many reject Christianity because there are hypocrites or counterfeit Christians.—W. E. Biederwolf.

PREACHING GOOD NEWS

In reply to a clergyman of the Church of England who had forbidden him to preach in the parish, John Wesley said: "God in Scripture commands me according to my power, to instruct the ignorant, reform the wicked, confirm the virtuous. Man forbids me to do this in another's parish; that is, in effect, not to do it at all, seeing I have no parish of my own, nor probably ever shall. Whom, then, shall I hear, God or man? I look upon all the world as my parish."

A farmer in a small Virginia community was very proud of his crop—the finest, largest and most delectable watermelons in the State. But, as the melons ripened, the farmer missed several each morning. Finally, he erected a large sign which announced:

DANGER! ONE OF THE WATERMELONS IN THIS PATCH IS POISONED!

The following morning the farmer was appalled to find his sign changed. It now read:

DANGER TWO OF THE WATERMELONS IN THIS PATCH ARE POISONED!

—Dr. Arthur M. Whitehill, Jr.

HOPE HAVEN

By Dirk Gringhuis

HOPE HAVEN is the tale of Karel and Katrina, a Dutch boy and girl who found a new home of peace and freedom and plenty in America, as part of the group of hardy Dutch pioneers who followed Van Raalte a century ago. Price \$2.00.

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Cleveland, Tennessee



Around the Round World

REV. H. L. CHESSEER,
GENERAL OVERSEER

Leaving New York and flying east, on and on and on, we arrived in San Francisco seven weeks later, thus going around the world.

Rev. J. H. Walker, the Executive Missions Secretary, accompanied me on this trip, and we visited our mission work in several of the foreign countries. We were away seven weeks from the time we left Cleveland until returning. Neither of us was airsick at any time, and we saw only three passengers who were sick. We had a wonderful trip. We went up 23,000 feet, and ahead at the rate of more than 400 miles per hour, traveling on DC-3's, 4's, 6's, Constellations and Boeing Strata cruisers, with nine air lines; were up ten nights, either in the air flying, or in a hotel, or an airport waiting on a plane; crossed war frontiers of two countries; sat down and whittled in No-Man's Land; ate curry and rice with four fingers while in India; ate poi while in Hawaii (supposed to be eaten with one finger); also ate raw fish salad from a dish; used banana and tea leaves for plates, drank boiled water; preached holiness; handled a cobra (brass); returned with a lion (ivory); effected a reconciliation between two church groups; crossed the international date line; had two Mondays in one week; and grew a moustache—all on one trip. (The last the General has lost since returning. Credit, no doubt, goes to the "first lady of the Church of God," Mrs. H. L. Chesser.—J.D.B.)

To adjust a difficulty between two groups in India that was still unsettled after about two years or more of correspondence was the main objective of our trip. Since we would be on the other side of the world while in India, and for a little more cost could return to America by the Philippine and Hawaiian islands and visit our work in those countries, we asked

the travel agency to work out a schedule for us around the world.

We went from New York, via Azores, Lisbon, Madrid, and Algiers to Tunis, North Africa, where we found Sister Josephine Planter, who is now 79 years old, faithfully carrying on her work, having been there since about 1912 and is urgently requesting that someone be sent so they can get acquainted with conditions and take over the work in North Africa, as she feels she will not be able to continue very much longer. Sister Planter has fought many hard battles in that territory, lifting up the standard of Pentecost. She has made many sacrifices, but God has blessed her labors.

From Tunis, North Africa, we went to Rome. As you look upon that city and what it represents, thinking of the scriptures and history relative to that country, it causes you to thank God for the gospel and what it means to the human race.

From Rome we went to Palestine, and as anxious as we were to visit our work in Bethlehem, we were not permitted to do so. We found a number of people who were acquainted with Brother and Sister Hatfield, and they spoke well of them. They had left a good influence for the Church. Many thousands of Jews are gathering into their country very enthusiastically, and are developing the country at a rapid pace. Many are living in tents, having been driven out of other countries, and housing conditions are very bad in Palestine; but with joy they seem to endure the hardness, just to know that they are in the land that was promised them by the Lord and are able to live in peace. One of the most outstanding things that I observed while in Palestine was the pioneering spirit of the young people of the Jewish race, going out into the virgin territory and starting up a colony. They consider this land

their heritage, and they are ready to sacrifice and do pioneer work to see the country developed. As I beheld the work of those young couples, setting up their colony, I thought how wonderful it would be for such a spirit to grip the hearts and lives of our young people of the Church and cause them to pioneer and sacrifice that the gospel might be preached in all the world.

As we walked along the shore of the sea of Galilee, our minds reflected upon the scriptures that tell us of the activities of our Lord in that territory. As we sat and ate our lunch of fish that was caught in the sea of Galilee, we were reminded of the incident when Jesus told the disciples to cast their nets on the other side, and Peter said, "We have toiled all night and have taken nothing; nevertheless thy word we will." And they caught so many fish that their nets broke and the boat was about to sink. Looking across the sea of Galilee, one is reminded of Jesus walking on the water, and of His majestic "Peace be still" that made the angry waves lie down at His feet. Many times we have pondered these sayings as we would look at the map showing the picture of the sea, but when you stand on the shore at the city of Tiberias, the waves lapping at your feet, and awake to the fact that you are now on the seashore where Christ walked about two thousand years ago, something begins to steal over you that causes you to rejoice in knowing that He who fed the multitudes, He who turned the water into wine, He who said, "Peace be still," to the angry sea, He who came walking on the water, your Master, your Saviour, your soon coming King.

The last day we were in Palestine, we were privileged to visit the old city of Jerusalem and it was quite an interesting tour. Our time was so limited we did not get to visit many places, but we were glad to have the privilege of visiting some of those historic places—David's tomb, the place

where the Holy Ghost was poured out, the garden of the tomb near the place of the skull, the Temple area, and many other important places. But the sad part, within the old city you find so many people who are worshipping individuals instead of worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ.

Leaving Palestine we winged our way across the desert sands, the hills, the valleys, the rivers (Tigris and Euphrates), the Persian Gulf, the tiger-infested jungles of North India, arriving at Calcutta at about 3 o'clock in the morning, on three motors. From Calcutta we headed for southern India, flying to Trivandrum. Then, after a few hours by bus, we made ourselves at home with Brother and Sister French and the boys. We were glad to see them, and I think they were glad to see us.

We spent about twenty-six days in India, visiting the churches, preaching, praying, singing, counseling, conferring, dedicating, and getting some new experience. We were given a warm reception by the businessmen of Chengannur, Church of God people, and other church people as well. We found some fine people among our Indian constituency and among other church people, also. There are multitudes of people—millions, I should say—in India, multitudes who do not know God. More workers and more money to open up new work is the cry in this territory.

It is no trouble to have a large crowd to preach to in India, night or day, preaching until you are tired, and then keep on preaching; they are still listening; there they are, the house full, as long as they can sit, as close as they can sit. No, they can't all get in the house; they are standing at the windows; look at them standing thickly, away out from the doors. Yes, they are ready to sit down on the ground, if you will just come to the door and preach where those on the outside can hear as well as those on the inside. The people love the Church, and they can tell you what a blessing the Church has been in India. Brother and Sister Cook, who have labored in India for many years and have fought many hard battles, are not physically able to carry on the work and are asking for other workers to be sent. They have held up exceptionally well in that tropical climate for so many years.

Brother and Sister French have endeared themselves to the Indians and

are happy in their work. Brother French has the work at heart and is making a study of the conditions so as to determine the best methods for the greatest progress in the work. Sister French is a faithful warrior, standing by the side of Brother French, and both are happy in their work. A long way from home? Yes. Conveniences as in America? No. Scarcity of people to preach to? No. Much work to do? Plenty. Are they contented and happy? Yes. They feel that they have been called to that country as their field of labor, and God is blessing their work. Why not be contented?

We are told that 80,000 people annually are born, live and die on the streets of India, never having a home; and about 10,000 annually are killed from the bite of the cobra. These are some of the conditions that exist in India. Will you lift up your eyes and look unto the fields that are white unto harvest, and pray with us that the Lord will send forth laborers into His harvest?

From India we winged our way to Bangkok, Hong Kong, and Manila. Being delayed a day and night getting out of Calcutta because of engine trouble on the plane, we were a day late arriving in Manila. On arriving in Manila, we could soon see the effects of the American way of life. Of course, that was a very welcome condition, since we had stayed in India about twenty-six days. Being delayed a day and night getting out of Calcutta, we only had a very short time in Manila. Therefore, we were not able to visit any of our work in the Philippine Islands. We missed contacting our Brother Cortez also, which we regret very much.

From Manila to Guam, Wake, Midway, and Honolulu. We were made happy when we walked into the church in Honolulu and saw such a nice building and a fine group of people with an expression of joy on their faces. But when we heard them singing those familiar songs and testifying to what God had done for them, something began to stir us, heart and soul. When you learn of their work and determination to make the payments on their church, you are convinced they love God and are devoted to His cause. When you are privileged to preach to them, and hear them say "amen" and rejoice while you preach, you are convinced they love the gospel. Brother and Sister Brummett have worked hard and have the cooperation

of the Hawaiian people. Brother Brummett has endeared himself to the people in Hawaii, and he can eat poi as if he had lived in Hawaii for years. He and his family are loved and appreciated by the Hawaiian people. The cry is for more workers and more money to get new works going. Can we again hear the call and catch the vision of the field white unto harvest?

We would not forget to mention the work of Brother and Sister Hawkins in this territory. The people speak highly of them, and I believe that fine church building was erected while Brother Hawkins was there. We appreciate the work in Hawaii, the work that has been done by Brother and Sister Hawkins and all others who have worked in that territory, also the work that is being done now by Brother and Sister Brummett.

From there we winged our way back to America, the land of freedom, the land of plenty, the land of luxury, the land of modern convenience. When you catch a glimpse of the lights of San Francisco from a height of 23,000 feet, traveling over 400 miles per hour coming home, you say, "Thank God for America." While on a trip of this kind, you are made glad three times. When you go into a foreign country and stop for a while, you say, "Thank God, I live in America." When you fly into a storm and the airliner begins to buck and pitch, you say, "Thank God, I am a Christian." When you arrive home and get your feet on the ground in America one more time, you say, "Thank God, I am at home!"

We shall never forget this trip. We are happy to have had the privilege of going; a strenuous and tiresome trip, yet we do not regret it at all. The memory of it lingers with us.

YOUTH'S PROBLEM No. 1

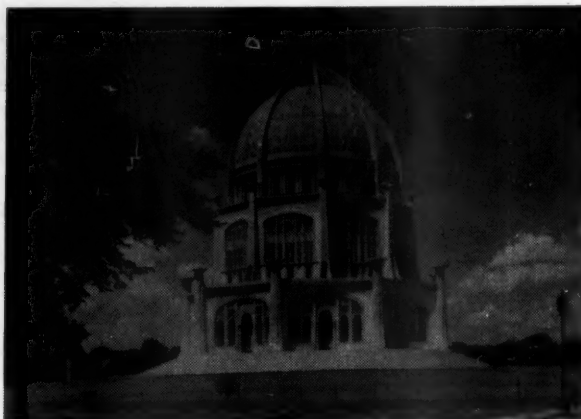
By Alfred L. Murray

"Here is a book that should be in the hands of every teen-age boy and girl in the land. It comes nearer meeting the needs of average young people of our churches than anything else that the reviewer has seen in print. The chapter on *Why Wait Until Marriage* is a classic in its wholesome frankness. Equally healthy and fine is the chapter *Lowering My Standard to Raise Myself*. The *Tests of Friendship* proposed is alone worth the price of the book. It should be in the hands of all ministers and leaders who are seeking, on the basis of Christian reality, to help young people meet the deepest and most urgent issues of their life today with an adequate Christian philosophy."—*Review and Expositor*. Price \$2.00.

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J. Herbert Walker, Sr., Executive Secretary



BAHA HOUSE OF WORSHIP, WILMETTE, ILL.

JESUS OR BAHU'ULLAH?

By J. H. INGRAM
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY-
EVANGELIST

Nearly 2,000 years ago, Christ was falsely accused of being an impostor and a blasphemer. When he was placed on trial in Jerusalem, the rulers of the people had to choose between Jesus and Barabbas, a notable prisoner, rightfully charged with the crime of robbery. Persuaded by the multitude, the chief priests and elders asked that Barabbas be released unto them, and that Jesus be crucified, Matt. 27:15-25. The so-called Christian nations are overrun by a class of people who are inclined to deify anybody or anything that suits their passing fancy. Take, for example, Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of Russia, whom multitudes treat as an object of supreme regard. Saint Nicholas, whose name has been corrupted to "Santa Claus," was a bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, where he died in the year 345 (?).

In the following paragraphs we shall endeavor to describe Bahalism which emphasizes the spiritual unity of all mankind. Shall it be Christ or Baha'u'llah? You have the answer!

Bahalism

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name,

saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many," Matt. 24:4, 5.

Bahalism had its beginning in far-off Persia, now called Iran, in the year 1844, when the unbelieving and bewildered world was shocked by the announcement of a new messiah in the person of Baha'u'llah, meaning the "Splendor or Glory of God." The life of Baha'u'llah was much like those of the early prophets. He suffered severe persecutions that merely seemed to stimulate his spirit, and his coming was heralded by a forerunner, whom they compared with John the Baptist. This precursor, a direct descendant of Mohammed, called himself the Bab (the Gate). In 1844, at the age of 25, the Bab claimed that he felt a divine call to spread the news, proclaiming the eminent appearing of the new messiah. The 18 disciples who had joined him were sent on missions to different parts of Persia and Turkestan, while the Bab himself went to Mecca for a meeting with the Mohammedan leader who rejected the Bab's authority and his new religion. Orthodox believers and government officials rose up against the Bab and his disciples, and their houses were pillaged and destroyed. Women were carried off and thousands of believers were killed. Many were beheaded, hanged, burned, blown from the mouths of cannons, or chopped to pieces, yet the new teach-

ing continued to spread with increased interest.

On July 9, 1850, the Bab himself, then 31, met death at the hands of his persecutors. It was then their new messiah appeared on the scene in the person of Mirza Husayn Ali, a fearless exponent of the new faith, who possessed an almost unbelievable power of attraction that was felt by all those who came into his presence. Even his face took on a profound look of wisdom, and at the tender age of 13 he discussed intricate religious subjects in the presence of large crowds that he held spellbound. After having been tortured, because of his convictions, Mirza Husayn Ali was imprisoned in a dungeon and had a dream in which a voice spoke to him saying he was that great prophet announced by the Bab, and that through him the Holy Ghost was to be made manifest on the earth. He assumed the title of Baha'u'llah and began to teach the new doctrine. The Shah of Persia exiled him to Mesopotamia where he spent 2 years meditating alone in the wilderness. Later the new messiah was banished to Turkey, and finally to "Akka" (Accho) in Palestine, which, according to the belief of his followers, was a direct fulfillment of both the Old and New Testament. Among the teachings that he made prominent were evolution, equal rights for women, prohibition of intoxicating liquors, free universal education, abolition of begging, and government relief for the poor. The wisdom and factual knowledge manifested in the writings and teachings of Baha'u'llah were astounding, since they went far beyond his apparent education. His believers could account for this, since, according to their theory, he was the direct mouthpiece of God. Adapting Christian principles to modern conditions, he strongly advocated the uniting of all races of people, irrespective of their language, race, color, or creed, into a peaceful, harmonious world community. With this object in view, Baha'u'llah wrote letters to the principal crowned heads of Europe, the Pope of Rome, the Shah of Persia, and the President of the United States, announcing his divine mission and calling on them to help establish true religion, just government, and international peace. This religion, in itself, is not morally bad, in that it embraces the moral standards of nine great religious groups, including Chris-

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Old-fashioned Revivals

LONG DISTANCE

Rev. R. E. Conner
Pastor, Asheville, North Carolina
Called to report that in the first week of their revival, with Rev. and Mrs. Al Edinfield, 51 have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and 40 were added to the church. He also stated that they had 286 in Sunday School the 29th, which broke all previous records of attendance, and that he feels sure they will have many more than this number soon. All of this, of course, made Brother Conner a very happy pastor.

CORAL RIDGE, Ky.—A three weeks' revival, conducted by Rev. Joe Sparks, closed October 9. On that Sunday we had our home-coming day, also the official opening of our new auditorium. We did not have a financial drive, just a good spiritual get-together, and a feast of good things to eat.

Our state overseer, Rev. L. H. Aultman, his wife and daughter were with him and he brought the morning message. Our district overseer, Rev. J. David Pitts, brought the afternoon message. Both sermons were enjoyed. We had good music and singing throughout the day, and a spirit of love and unity prevailed. We thank the Lord for His many blessings, for our good, loyal people, and for our nice church that is almost completed.—Mrs. Charles E. Lockard.

LONG ISLAND, Ala.—We have just closed a wonderful revival at the Mountain View Church of God, which lasted almost 4 weeks. Rev. W. A. Grant is the pastor, and Rev. J. F. Rider was the evangelist. There were 20 saved, 7 sanctified, 4 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 15 baptized in water, and 16 added to the church. The saints were greatly revived.—Mrs. Wm. A. Grant, Reporter.

ALMA, Ga.—The Liberty Church of God has just closed a revival with the pastor, Cecil Wheeler, doing the preaching. The Lord did wonderful things for us. There were 8 saved, 7 sanctified, and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. We are building some new Sunday School rooms, and are leading our district in Sunday School. Pray

that we will reach the top for Jesus.—Mrs. Cecil Wheeler, Clerk.

OAK GROVE, Ky.—We have just closed one of the greatest tent revivals ever known here at the Oak Grove church, with G. R. Morris and wife as the evangelists. There were 13 saved, 8 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, 9 baptized in water, and 17 added to the church. We praise God for our Sunday School. It has grown from 21 to 77. We have about 100 in Y. P. E. We praise God for Brother and Sister Morris. They are working hard to help us build the work up here. We have a nice church and are building a parsonage. We have prayed and God has heard our prayers.—Floy Hudson, Clerk.

HIGH POINT, N. C.—We have just closed a great revival here, with Rev. W. E. Buker, of Knoxville, Tenn., as the evangelist. God was with us in a wonderful way. The healing services were a success. One lady who was crippled walked without her crutches; another lady who was paralyzed was healed. Brother Buker has been healed of broken spine and is an humble servant. There were 32 saved, 9 sanctified, 4 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 3 added to the church.—Fred Jump, Pastor.

MILL CREEK, W. Va.—We have just closed a good, old-fashioned revival here with Sister Smallwood of Verdunville as the evangelist. We had a well packed house every night. There were 18 saved, 13 added to the church, and 10 baptized in water. We have a fine church, also good attendance in Y. P. E. and Sunday School. This revival was a great boost to the church.—J. B. Holcomb, Pastor.

GASTONIA, N. C.—A great revival has just come to a close here at the South Gastonia Church of God. This revival was the greatest in the history of our church. Rev. L. C. Heaston was used in a mighty way of God during this revival in his preaching and praying for the sick. Many sick were healed, among whom were some crippled who walked again. We lost count of those saved, but a great number were saved,

sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, 31 were baptized in water, and 31 men and women marched down the aisle and received the right hand of fellowship in the church.

This is our fifth year in South Gastonia and by far our best year. Our members here work with us in a great way.—Ray Collins.

PULASKI, Va.—We are very happy to report a recent revival conducted by Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Evoy. There were 28 saved, 15 sanctified, 16 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 10 baptized in water, and 10 added to the church. We truly thank the Lord and Brother and Sister Evoy for this revival.—Roy Douglas, Pastor.

BLACKSBURG, S. C.—We praise the Lord for the revival which just closed with Brother Frank Raittchester doing the preaching. We truly thank God for the wonderful outpouring of His Spirit. Every message seemed to be given by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. A goodly number were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, and some united with the church. We have made great progress this entire year.—J. W. Watkins, Pastor.

CODY, Ala.—The most wonderful revival I have ever attended was conducted by Brother H. R. Hall and his evangelistic party here recently. The power of the Lord was manifest, and, as a result, many were saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Others were healed of various diseases—a number of them were aged and had been unable to attend church for some time, but they worked in the altar before the revival closed. We cannot tell all the good that was done here, but memories will last of this wonderful blessing. We are looking forward to the time when Brother Hall and his co-workers can come back.—Shella B. Bobo.

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Editorial . . .



Jehoiakim penknifing the Bible

PENKNIFERS OF THE BIBLE

In Jeremiah we read about Jehoiakim having the passages of Jeremiah's prophecy cut out and thrown into the fire (chapter 36). That has been a long time ago, but there have been and are hundreds of Jehoiakims, when it comes to penknifing the Bible. In fact, to hear preachers and teachers point out the various graces and experiences set forth in God's Holy Word as not adaptable or available for us today, one feels like asking the question, "What have we therefore?"

Of course, it is well known that there are those who do not believe in the divine inspiration of the Bible, but it's those who pretend to accept the Bible as divinely inspired, and yet carve it up so as to make it read like they want it to, that we are bothered with most. Let us check on them.

1. In the very outset, there are preachers who dispute the divinity of Jesus. If that be true, the Bible is false and Samuel could have as easily been humanity's Saviour as Jesus; but the Bible says, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law," Gal. 4:4.

2. Preachers deny and try to refute the virgin birth; and, if they are right, then our belief in *Jesus Christ* is useless. But the Bible says, "Now the

birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost," Matt. 1:18.

3. There are those who preach that our salvation was not provided by the vicarious suffering and death of Jesus Christ. But we believe the Word, which says, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot," 1 Peter 1:18, 19.

4. There are those who do not believe in the personal return of Jesus Christ. But the Bible says, "And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven," Acts 1:10, 11.

5. There are those who teach that a sinner need not pray, for he will not be heard. But the Bible says, "Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican, and the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted," Luke 18:10, 13, 14.

6. There are those who preach that there is nothing to the new birth but a decision to do right. But the Bible says, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God," John 3:5.

7. There are those who tell us that it is impossible to live free from sin. But the Bible says, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil," 1 John 3:8.

8. There are those who tell us that once saved a person is forever saved, regardless of what he does. But the Bible says, "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul," Heb. 10:38, 39.

9. Some argue that sanctification is possible only at death. But the Bible says, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," 1 Thess. 5:23.

10. Some teach that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is not for Christians today. But the Bible says, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call," Acts 2:38, 39.

11. Some teach that the Holy Ghost is received in the new birth. But the Bible says, "He that believeth on me as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"

12. Some ministers teach baptism in "Jesus' name." But Jesus Himself said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," Matt. 28:19.

13. Some teachers argue that sprinkling is the proper mode of baptism. But the Bible says, "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water," Matt. 3:16. "And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him," Acts 8:38.

14. There are those who teach salvation and damnation by predestination and foreordination. But the Bible says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16. "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ," 1 Thess. 5:9.

15. There are those who preach that paying tithes was for those under the Mosaic law only. But the Bible says, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone," Matt. 23:23. "For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven," Matt. 5:20.

16. There are ministers who preach against organized churches. But the Bible says, "And I say also unto thee, Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," Matt. 16:18. "And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write . . . Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy," Rev. 3:1, 4.

17. There are, actually, ministers who preach against church government. But the Bible says, "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues," 1 Cor. 12:28.

18. There are ministers who teach that there is no such thing as being divinely healed today. But the Bible says, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him," James 5:14, 15.

19. There are preachers who teach that divorce and remarriage is never right under any circumstance. But the Bible says, "It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: but I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, save for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery," Matt. 5:31, 32. "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, *except it be for fornication*, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery," Matt. 19:9. It is a fact, however,

that anything and everything is not fornication. Jesus meant what He said.

20. Preachers are teaching that the devil is bound. But the Bible says, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour," 1 Peter 5:8. "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years," Rev. 20:1, 2. And that's at the close of tribulation, and, in that case, we would be in the holy camp with Jesus in the one thousand years of peace.

21. Some ministers preach that the church will go through half the tribulation. But the Bible says, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man," Luke 21:36. "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter," Rev. 4:1. And this is before the tribulation begins—at the rapture of the church.

22. Some professed Bible scholars teach that it will be as possible for us to fall in eternity as it was for Adam and Eve. But the Bible says, "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall *never be destroyed*: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms and *it shall stand for ever*," Dan. 2:44. "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away," Rev. 21:3, 4.

23. Some teach that there is no personal devil, that the devil is only an evil principle, influence. But the Bible says, "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and

ever," Rev. 20:10. A principle can not deceive, neither can it be tormented.

24. Some teach that washing the saints' feet was an Oriental custom and not required of us today. But the Bible says, "Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you," John 13:13-15. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them," verse 17. "Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work," 1 Tim. 5:10.

25. Some say that there is no such thing as the triune Godhead. But the Bible says, "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: and lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased," Matt. 3:16, 17.

26. Some ministers contend that no one can possibly get to heaven without being baptized in water. But the Bible says, "And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise," Luke 23:42, 43.

27. Some teach free loveism. But the Bible says, "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach," 1 Tim. 3:2. "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord," Eph. 5:22. "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind," 1 Cor. 6:9.

28. Some teach that hell is not eternal. But the Bible says, "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels," Matt. 25:41. "And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever

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Extra!

State Activities



IOWA-NEBRASKA PRAYER CONFERENCE

The Iowa-Nebraska Prayer Conference convened at the Jefferson, Iowa, Church of God. Most all the ministers were present and our services were at the top. The people said it was the best they had had in this country. We had great unity with the ministers. Rev. W. E. Dowdy, state overseer of Kansas, was the night speaker. People filled the altar crying out to God for salvation. Also, Rev. B. M. Woolwine did some wonderful preaching and the ministers were greatly blessed. We thank the Lord for the Ladies' Willing Workers Band at the Jefferson church. They did a wonderful job in feeding the ministers. It was voted that we would have our state camp meeting the last week in July, 1950, and we are looking forward to a great time.—Carl Cox, State Overseer.

ILLINOIS MINISTERIAL ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER

Thirty-five or More Homes Visited

Kenneth Moore	80
N. A. Jordan	71
O. N. Cecil	60
George King	60
L. D. Burton	50
Daulton Short	50
W. J. Milligan	47
F. K. Harrawood	42
Gladys Ash	40
Edward Caraway	38
Levinia Lloyd Hammers	38
A. B. Long	38
Barbara King	36
J. N. Thompson	35

Three or More Saved

L. D. Burton	5
Stanley Joplin	5
Dale Brown	4
Gene Arnett	3
O. N. Cecil	3
Olen Greathouse	3

N. A. Jordan	3
V. B. Rains	3

Three or More Sanctified

Gene Arnett	12
Stanley Joplin	5
George King	3
Olen Greathouse	3
F. R. Harrawood	3
Kenneth Moore	3
V. B. Rains	3

Fourteen or More Sermons Preached

Perry Horton	36
Stanley Joplin	27
L. D. Burton	23
G. H. Christy	23
Daulton Short	18
F. S. Ash	17
Gene Arnett	16
Bill Heron	15
Mrs. M. P. Cross	15
G. P. Gower	14
O. Greathouse	14
F. K. Harrawood	14
V. B. Rains	14
Melvin Robey	14

Two or More Baptized in Holy Ghost

Gene Arnett	12
Stanley Joplin	7
George King	2

Five or More Baptized in Water

Gene Arnett	9
G. P. Gower	7
N. A. Jordan	5

Three or More Added to Church

N. A. Jordan	9
V. W. Thomas	8
G. P. Gower	5
Kenneth Moore	5
A. B. Long	4
Melvin Robey	3

The L. W. W. B. certainly has been a blessing to our church here at Robert, La. I just don't see how we could get along without our ladies here. We only have a small rural church, but we have raised \$485 since we organized in August. Our ladies raised enough money in ten days to

buy a bus. The pastor mentioned a Sunday School bus and he, and the ladies went to work. They raised the money, and he talked the dealer down to half the price he wanted for the bus; so we bought and paid for our bus by the help of the merchants and friends of the church. We have a nice 1942 Chevrolet bus, and it will carry a load of between 40 to 50 persons. I believe it is the only one in the State of Louisiana.

Since that time they have bought the pastor a nice suit and are working toward paying off a debt on the gas system for the church and parsonage. I know God is pleased with an L. W. W. B. that will cooperate and put the program over for God. We certainly appreciate our state president of the L. W. W. B., Sister McClendon. She is a great blessing to the ladies of our state. We see great things ahead for the Church of God in Louisiana.—Rev. R. A. Muller, Pastor.

NORTH CAROLINA'S MINISTERS' CHECK-UP FOR DECEMBER

Number of pastoral visits	5,001
Number of sermons preached	1,984
Number converted	616
Number sanctified	32
Number filled with Holy Ghost	197
Number baptized in water	70
Number added to the church	188
Number of ministers reported	255
State membership	10,535

MEMORY CORNER



Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Goff, their son, Brother Goff's sister, and Rev. R. J. Dunn; Wapato, Wash., 1944.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

Oh, Praise the Lord

TAZEWELL, Va.—My wife, Mrs. Julia Douglas, had suffered severely with hernia (rupture) for about 24 years. About 20 years ago she was operated on in a Miami, Fla., hospital, which was a success; but she soon hurt herself again and has been unable to do her work without wearing some kind of support, which, at best, only gave her temporary relief. On the night of October 12, 1949, while Brother Edgar Mastin was ministering to the sick in our church, her faith seemed to take hold of God's promise as never before, and although she had been prayed for perhaps hundreds of times before, on this night the mighty power of Jesus touched her body, and she was made completely whole. Now, after a month, she is still healed and doing all her work without the aid of any kind of support, and looks and feels better than she has in years. Anyone who wishes may write us.—T. P. Douglas, Pastor, Thompsons Valley Church of God, Rt. 1, Bx. 136.

I was bedfast for practically two years when some Church of God sisters and brothers came to my home one Sunday afternoon and prayed for me. The Lord came down, saved my soul, and gave me strength to get up and walk. After this wonderful experience, I know His power is sufficient. After being saved I began seeking the Holy Ghost and during a recent revival at Vaughn's Chapel I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It is truly wonderful to trust in a true and living God, one who will be with you at all times.—Mrs. Hugh A. Rogers.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Surely I owe my baby's life to the answer of prayers. He has suffered much with asthma and convulsions, but the Lord answered our prayers and now he is fine. I give God all the credit and praise.—Mrs. B. H. Tracy.

CLEVELAND, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for His keeping power in many battles. I want to continue holding the hand that never fails. Please pray for me to get closer to the Lord and that my husband will be saved.—Mrs. Paul Baker.

SURRENCY, Ga.—I want to praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power and just what He means to me right now. He has healed in my home many times. I cannot express in words how He has blessed me from time to time.—Mrs. R. L. Dykes.

WHITE CLOUD, Mich.—I praise and thank my precious Saviour for healing my body. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would testify of it in the *Evangel*. Praise the Lord, He is real! I praise Him for the Holy Ghost.—Florence Craigmyle.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan.—I praise our dear Redeemer; He has done so much for me. I thank Him for saving, sanctifying, filling me with the precious Holy Ghost, and adding me to the great Church of God. He has healed my body so many times, and just this year He healed me of a bad heart and an infection on my hand. I am so happy in Jesus, and His love grows sweeter each day.—Rosa Bretches.

From the time I first hired out on the railroad until my retirement, December 15, 1945, was a space of 43 years. When I look back over the rough and rocky road I have traveled, it makes me shudder, as I have seen many people pass out of this life without Christ. I thank God that I am now saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Praise the name of Jesus who tells us He will send us another Comforter which is the Holy Ghost.—J. H. Ashcraft.

ADDISON, Ala.—I promised the Lord if He would heal my throat when I laid the *Evangel* on it and prayed, I would send in my testimony, hoping it might be helpful to someone else.—Tressie Wilkins.

KANSAS CITY, Kans.—I praise the Lord for His goodness to me. A year ago I was in falling health, and a doctor informed me I had a large tumor and should be operated on immediately. Having believed in divine healing for 17 years and being a pastor's wife, I felt that I must trust

the Lord. My condition became so serious I was compelled to go to bed. One day while my husband was busy about his work, he felt impressed of the Lord to come and pray for me, which he did. After placing the Bible on me and praying for about three minutes, the swelling completely left. God has really been good to me and I feel like I am the happiest woman living.—Mrs. J. R. Berry.

POTOSI, Mo.—The *Evangel* has in the past been a wonderful blessing to me. I have asked for prayer through the *Evangel* several times and the Lord always undertook.—Mrs. W. R. Bayer.

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—My testimony today is this: God is love. I have truly found Him to be a soul saver, joy maker, peace giver, burden bearer, and sorrow sharer.—Mrs. J. W. Davis.

W. BAINBRIDGE, Ga.—I praise my Lord for healing me and my children many times. I am praising Him especially for healing my eye.—Mrs. J. W. Thompson.

GUTHRIE, Okla.—I praise the Lord because He is so good. I praise Him for His healing power. I was suffering with pains in my chest and shoulder. It hurt me to cough or to take a deep breath. As I knelt to pray last night, my husband was standing beside me and he started praying for me. The power of the Lord was there and He touched my body.—Mrs. E. S. Shrefler, Jr.

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By EVANGELIST W. L. MYERS, BOX 165, ROCKMART, GA.

Psalm 48:11 reads, in the inspired Hebrew, as corroborated by Dr. Clarke and the Revised Version: "The Lord gave the word; and great was the army of those women that preached it." This is a prophetic vision setting forth the glorious evangelism of the latter days, in which great armies of women, such as General Booth's Salvation Army, in which thousands of women are preaching this day shall sweep out, preach the gospel to all nations, and bring on the millennium.... Shall the women preach? If you mean this technical, sermonic, steel-ribbed, ironbound, iceberg stuff they call preaching, I say no, the women are not to do that: for I want all the men to quit it and the women never to begin. Now don't forget that what the Bible means and what we mean is simply to get emptied of sin and filled with the Spirit so you will run over the balance of your life, with your Pentecostal tongue of fire loose at both ends, reading the Word, expounding it, exhorting, testifying, praying, shouting, etc., as free for Jesus as a bird of paradise.

"This enfranchisement of the sisterhood is the crowning glory of the present age. When the devil succeeded in sidetracking the church into Antinomianism, i.e., sinning religion, about 1,500 years ago, he maneuvered to horn the sisters off the gospel platform. Oh, how he roars when he sees them coming back. But sisters, just come along, don't be afraid of his roaring, for that is all Jesus will let him do. If he roars from the iceberg pulpits of North-pole churches and from the tripods of anti-holiness papers, just let him roar. It will do you good. Jesus lets him roar to scare off the unworthy and inspire the elect." (Dr. Godby-Methodist, in "Woman Preacher.")

Among the great doctrines of the Bible, I doubt if one can be named that the devil has scored a greater victory against than the one in question. One of the Nation's most popular preachers wrote the book **BOBBED HAIR, BOSSY WIVES, WOMEN PREACHERS**. By inference, his very title lumps the sum and puts all the good Spirit-filled

women preachers in the same class with flappers and the low illicit class—the brawling wives. If the Holy Ghost, in the 2d chapter of Acts, meant that women should preach, when He said, "Your daughters shall prophesy," then to class all the good women preachers with the carnal element is paltering haggle, inspired of the devil, and will sink into hell of its own weight, world without end.

One of the basic scriptures the Campbellitish jugglers use against women preaching the gospel is 1 Cor. 11:1-16. Read this part of God's Book, and you will find that there is not one word against women preaching; on the other hand, there is a word in favor of it. It is found in verse 5: "But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoreth her head." Now we come to the key words in the controversy—"PROPHECY," "PREACH." We will let the Bible settle the question, so let's consult the Bible for the definition of the term "prophesy." "But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort," 1 Cor. 14:3. Well, that settles the question; the Bible says the woman may prophesy if her head is not uncovered, and it tells us what "prophesy" means. It means now, and always has meant, just exactly this: to edify, exhort, and comfort. A preacher does what a prophet does—tells the past, present, and future; he, or she, edifies, exhorts, and comforts the people.

Now let us see what the *New Winston Dictionary* says about it: "*Prophecy*. 1. To foretell, especially under divine influence. 2. To predict in any sense; foretell, proclaim. 3d. To speak under divine inspiration; to preach."

The above definitions are without prejudice and are exactly in line with Bible definitions. The enemies of women preachers would have you to believe that "prophesy" means only to foretell the future. But that is absurd. Matthew Henry, in defining the word, includes "the interpretation of the Bible." Let us see what William Smith, LL.D. has to say about it: "Prophecy comprehends three things: predictions; singing by the dictates of the

Spirit; and understanding and explaining the mysterious hidden sense of the Scripture by an immediate illumination and motion of the Spirit" (*Dictionary*, page 585.)

From one of our most prominent commentaries I quote: "But rather—but chiefly that ye may prophesy, speak and exhort under inspiration (Prov. 29:18; Acts 13:1; 1 Thess. 5:20), whether as to future events, i. e. strictly prophecy, or explaining obscure parts of Scripture, especially the prophetic Scriptures, or illustrating and setting forth questions of Christian doctrine and practice."

The strange philosophical phenomena characteristic of women-preacher-haters has a gnostic tendency. Nowhere in the polemics do they show the difference between "preach" and "prophesy." Just because a big preacher says a thing, doesn't make it so.

Man, all down through the ages, has had the wrong conception of Gen. 3:16, and from this they have taken advantage of the weaker sex, to neglect, mistreat, and abuse them. I have never claimed that the man is not to rule over the woman, but I do say he is to rule by compassionate love. I don't see in the Bible where God requires a good woman to submit to a diabolical incarnate devil.

One notable minister, willing to help the devil horn the sisterhood off the gospel platform, said, "Criminals are simply rebels against authority, and every rebellious wife has the same attitude of heart." The writer made this statement against those wives whose husbands, demoniacal scapegraces, were fighting their conviction to witness for God. (Acts 1:8.) This same preacher, himself, does not claim to be free from the rebellious spirit even toward God. But when a wife is not absolutely free from the rebellious spirit against her husband, even though he be a sinner, she is compared to a chain-gang criminal in attitude of heart.

A very distinguished minister made this statement: "God never has, nor never would, call a woman to preach." In order to substantiate this statement, he refers his readers to 1 Tim. 3:2, "A bishop then must be blameless,

the husband of one wife." He used this text to show that God would not call a woman to preach because it would be impossible for her to be "the husband of one wife." I would have you know that the apostle is not speaking about a man being called to preach. He is speaking of a preacher who is desiring to fill the office of a bishop. 1 Tim. 3:1.

To say that God has never called a woman to preach is to dispute God's Word. In Acts 2:17 we read, "And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy." Men try to separate "preach" from "prophesy," but you can't do it and do justice to the Word of God. "The ordinary Hebrew word for 'prophet' is 'nabi,' derived from a verb signifying to bubble forth like a fountain; hence the word means to announce or pour forth the declarations of God," whether a son or daughter. The prophets who wrote the sixteen prophetic books in the Bible were poets, annalists, historians, and preachers. A portion of each Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Jonah, and Haggai is direct or indirect history. These were preachers of patriotism, morals, and pure religion. They were authorized exponents of the Word of God. They were also pastors. The essential part of their work was to reveal God's will to man. And so does the New Testament prophet or preacher, he or she. The prophets of the New Testament are supernaturally illuminated expounders of God's Word, whether they be men or women. To prophesy this day and age is to "speak to men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort," 1 Cor. 14:3.

But what are you going to do with 1 Cor. 14:34, "Let your women keep silence in the churches"? Paul was speaking to married women only. "If they will learn anything let them ask their husbands at home." Corinth was a great city for education, but education there was mostly confined to men. The 14th chapter of 1 Corinthians is church discipline. Paul is telling them how to act in their regular church services. He was correcting disorder. Since it was customary for husband and wife to sit together in church, there was a continual whispering: the uneducated wife asking the educated husband for information; e. g., when Paul said, "If a man loves not the Lord Jesus, let him be Anathema Maranatha" (1 Cor. 16:2), the uneducated wife, eager to catch every word, would ask her learned husband, "What does 'Anathema' mean?"

In order to keep down disturbance, Paul said, "Wait till you get home to ask your husbands." This is evidently what he meant, because he was speaking from an educational standpoint—"if they will learn."

No, there's not one verse in the Bible that forbids a woman to preach. But you say, "She is forbidden to speak in church," 1 Cor. 14:35. Yes, Paul forbids them to speak in a tumultuous manner. Why would Paul forbid a woman to speak in church and then commend Phebe to the church at Rome, and advise them to assist her in a business meeting? There is not one verse in the Bible that forbids a woman to take part in a business meeting. (Read Rom. 16:1, 2.)

Furthermore, if a woman is not allowed to speak in the church, how could Priscilla and other women assist Paul in revival work? They say, "Let the women testify, sing, pray, and teach the Sabbath School." But I say, "How can they do this without speaking in the church?" Some take 1 Cor. 14:34, 35, to prove that a woman is not allowed to preach. But in this connection, Paul does not use the term "PREACH." If you dogmatically refuse the above explanation, you force yourself to say that women shall not preach, pray, testify, sing, or teach in church. Compare the terms "speak" and "preach." According to Acts 2:17, 18, God will pour out of His Spirit upon all flesh without distinction of sex, age, or rank; and they shall prophesy, see visions, and dream dreams.

Now back to the strong Biblical point against women preaching because she can't be the husband of one wife. If this gigantic argument had any philosophical background, it would be too bad for our lady preachers. While the lady preacher can't be the husband of one wife, she can be the wife of one husband, and this she is required to be (1 Tim. 5:9). So you see, the rule works both ways.

Now let's see how many women preachers there are in the Bible. Miriam, Exodus 15:20; Deborah, Judges 4:4; Huldah, 2 Kings 22:14; Nodiah, Neh. 16:4; Mahershalahashbaz's mother was a prophetess, Isaiah 8:3; Anna, Luke 2:36; Philip's four daughters, Acts 21:9; Phebe, Priscilla, Mary, Junia, Tryphena, and Tryphosa, Romans 16th chapter. When it comes to working for the Master, "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus," Gal. 3:28.

Some preachers remind me of Joshua, when he came running in, eyes blared, nostrils dilated, crying, "My Lord, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp." But Moses said, "Son, I wish all of God's people were prophets." (Num. 11:28, 29.) Moses was not envious. He was not afraid the ladies would root him out of the pulpit. Neither am I.

NOTE

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have to be coaxed or even asked the second time; but as soon as their names were called, the eagerness with which they responded was wonderful to behold.

The morning service over, we enjoyed a well-prepared meal, after which Brother Dych announced that the boys and girls would be permitted to spend the afternoon together on the front lawn. From our position in front of the school, it was a joy to observe the happiness of the children as brothers and sister took advantage of the opportunity of fellowship, spending every moment together. Different groups participated in various wholesome games, and their joyous activity attracted the attention of a number of passers-by who drove slowly in order to watch the children at play.

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UNITY

By REV. WILLIAM A. GRANT,
LEE COLLEGE STUDENT

The word "unity" means harmony, or being united in one body.

Text: John 17:21-23, "That they all be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one."

First, I should like for you to stop, read, and heed the words of our great Christ who wants us to be one in Him. We must have fellowship one with another and be in the same frame of mind. We must have that love for our brother that is free from malice, envy, and strife. We must show to each other the perfect love of Christ that even covers a multitude of faults.

It takes two to be a Christian—Christ and you. Then we are one with Him, and must keep ourselves in

harmony with our brother, also. So let us be brotherly and keep the church rolling on. Eph. 4:2, 3 reads, "With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Some think they can't let go of their pride, but brethren in Christ are on the same level when it comes to being Christians.

Let all of us obey Rom. 12:1-3 and we shall make it through the gates into the city. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."

TAYLOR RESIGNS AS ENVOY TO THE VATICAN

Partial victory for the forces of evangelical Christianity was won this week when President Harry Truman accepted the resignation of Myron Taylor as his special envoy to the Vatican. Mr. Taylor has held the office under both the Roosevelt and Truman administrations, despite the repeated and vigorous protests of all the principal evangelical denominations in America. The protests have sprung from the feeling that the maintenance of an envoy to the Roman Catholic Vatican state is a violation of the Biblical and democratic concepts of separation of church and state.

The announcement of Taylor's resignation followed on the heels of a protest meeting called at the Wardman Park Hotel, Tuesday, January 17, by the Commission on Christian Liberty of the National Association of Evangelicals, and attended by a number of outstanding national Protestant leaders.

"That something brought about a change in plans is indicated by the fact that, as late as Monday, Myron Taylor maintained that he would *not* resign his appointment to the Vatican," said Dr. Frederick C. Fowler. "From other sources we have learned that his return trip was already planned. After our meeting on Tuesday, Mr. Taylor, for undisclosed reasons and in complete variance with his statement forty-eight hours earlier, submitted his resignation, and it was accepted by the President."

Dr. Fowler concluded by saying, "While this is a victory, it is only one battle in a war. No plans have been announced to replace Mr. Taylor, but it may be confidently expected that enormous pressure will be exerted by the Vatican to bring this about."

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, National Association of Evangelicals' Secretary of Affairs in Washington, stressed, "In order to counteract Catholic pressure, Christian leaders and their constituents should send wires and letters at once, congratulating President Truman for accepting the resignation and urging him to completely dissolve the mission to the Vatican."—NAE.

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receiveth the mark of his name," Rev. 14:11.

29. There is a doctrine that if a professed Christian dies, that is proof he was a sinner, because the righteous have eternal life and will never die a physical death. But, in addition to the world of proof we have by the continued dying of the righteous, the Bible says, "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them," Rev. 14:13. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first," 1 Thess. 4:16.

Now, it is easy to see just from these points that if penknifners had their way we would have nothing but the lids of the Bible left; but, "heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall never pass away." So let us keep preaching the full gospel.

JESUS OR BAHÁ'U'LLAH

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unity; but morality alone will not get one by in the judgment, and, after all, Baháism is based on the teachings of a false christ. Jesus said: "False christs and false prophets shall arise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you these things," Mark 13:22, 23.

After the death of Baha'u'llah in 1892, his son, 'Abdu'l Baha (Servant of Baha), became the interpreter and exemplar of this faith, and today the Bahais number about a million in Persia alone. In England, France, Switzerland, Italy, and Germany, they report progressive centers. In America, Burma, India, and Turkestan, they are counted by the thousands. American headquarters of the Bahais was established at Chicago, Ill., in the suburban town of Wilmette in 1893, and now they boast an assembly in every country, state, and province of North, Central, and South America, including Canada and the U. S. A. The great white nonagon at Wilmette is a very imposing structure, built upon nine steel and concrete caissons that were sunk to the bedrock, 120 feet below the surface of the ground.

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Rev. Paul Claudius Bucher, son of Joseph and Ellen Bucher, was born in Liberty Township, Crawford County, Ohio, Feb. 27, 1887. His early life was spent on the farm. His early education was in the country district schools. At the age of nineteen years, he was converted to the Christian faith. Realizing a call to the ministry, all plans were laid aside, except for this sacred calling. Considerable time was spent in outstanding universities and Divinity Schools of renown. Many years were spent in traveling in the evangelistic and pastoral work. God has blessed his work in financial ways and enlarged congregations. Churches were organized in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; Jasonville, Indiana; and Toledo, Ohio. These are outstanding places of worship today. From his ministry many missionaries and preachers have gone forth in active ministry. In 1943 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Brother Bucher. He was ordained minister in the Church of God, and pastored churches at Mansfield and Wellston, Ohio. Many manuscripts and various writings have passed from his pen to magazines, which are now in book form. Sorrow and grief crossed his threshold. At times he was almost overcome, but he learned the comfort of the grace of God.

He passed away on December 2, 1949, at the age of 62 years and ten months, at the home of his brother in Bucyrus, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted in Bucyrus, Ohio, at the Blaine Memorial Lighthouse. Rev. E. C. Clark, State Overseer of Ohio, officiated.

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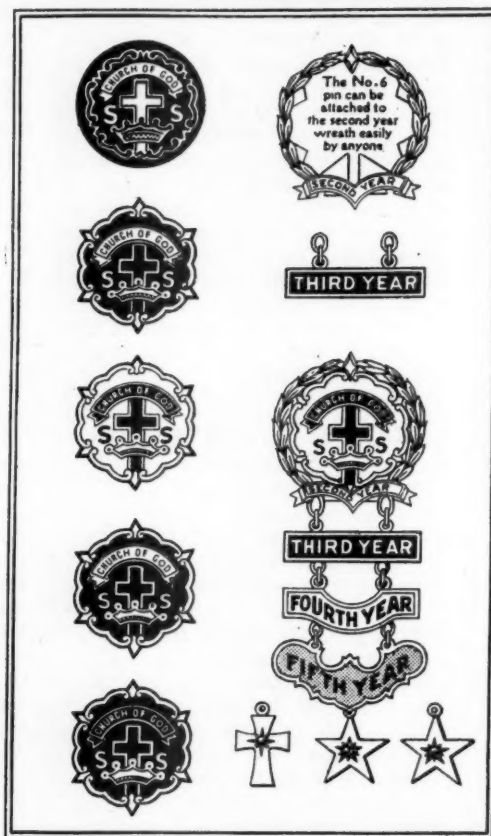
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